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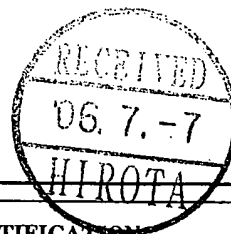
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Applicant's or agent's file reference B12-04PCT	
International application No. PCT/JP2004/014474	International filing date (day/month/year) 01 October 2004 (01.10.2004)
Applicant JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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International application No. PCT/JP2004/014474	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 October 2004 (01.10.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 02 October 2003 (02.10.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY			

- This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
- This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. 1

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-28	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2003-40838, A (Nippon Shokubai Co., Ltd.), 13 February, 2003 (13.02.03)
Document 2: JP, 2002-121170, A (Japan Science and Technology Corp.), 23 April, 2002 (23. 04.02)
Document 3: JP, 7-291898, A (Japan Energy Corp.), 7 November, 1995 (07.11.95)

The subject matters of claims 28 appear to be novel and to involve an inventive step, since they are not disclosed in any the documents cited in the ISR.

Especially, none of the documents discloses applying a catalyst, which contains a zirconium (IV) compound and/or a hafnium (IV) and an iron (III) compound and/or a gallium (III) compound, in the condensation reaction for producing an ester.